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REMARKS

Applicants herein amend claims 21 and 26 to delete reference to the redundant term "micelle". They have also amended the first paragraph of the specification to reflect the application's chain of priority and relationship to other applications. Finally, they have amended paragraph 25 of the specification to make express what is inherent about the host cells of the invention, i.e., that they are not plant cells. As explained in this paragraph prior to amendment, the recipient or host cells of the invention are those that can be exploited for ex vivo therapies based on gene delivery and transfer.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments place the application in condition for allowance, and they add no new matter. Also, the amendments will not require a further search, nor do they raise new issues for consideration. Accordingly, their entry at this stage is proper.

Applicants respectfully submit that application is now in condition for allowance, and they earnestly solicit a notice to such effect. Should any issues or questions remain, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 858.735.7090 so that they may be promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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